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St. James's, February 24.

THE following three Addreſſes were this Day preſented to His Majeſty, by the Members of Parliament for the County, City, and Borough-Towns of Hereford, being introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord Viſcount Townſhend, one of His Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State; which Addreſſes His Majeſty was pleaſed to receive very graciouſly, and the Gentlemen who preſented them had the Honour to kiſs His Majeſty's Hand.

To the King's Moſt Excellent Majeſty,

WE the Biſhop, Dean, Reſidentiaries and Prebendaries of the Cathedral Church of Hereford, and the Parochial Clergy within the Dioceſs of the ſame,

Do in juſtice to our Sovereign as well as to our fellow Subjects, moſt humbly repreſent to your Majeſty, that Edward Witherſton, Eſq; High Sheriff of the County of Hereford, has always been eſteemed a Perſon zealous for the preſent Eſtabliſhment in Church and State, and ſo remarkably diſtinguiſhed for his conſtant Affection to your Majeſty, that thoſe who have no Knowledge of his Perſon, are no Strangers to that Part of his Character; that he has always, as a Magiſtrate, as far as ever we have heard, been free from the leaſt Imputation of any traiterous Relaxation of the Laws againſt your Majeſty's Enemies, or of being ſeduced into any arbitrary or illegal Meaſures, by the ſtrongeſt Temptations of Fear or Intereſt; and that we believe he has neither proſtituted the Safety and Honour of his Sovereign, or the Liberty and Property of his fellow Subjects, but has always uſed the Power with which he has been intruſted with a Fidelity becoming an upright Magiſtrate for the Support of your ſacred Perſon and Government. That theſe Bleſſings may be long preſerved ſhall be the Prayers of

Your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects.

To the King's Moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of the Mayor, Aldermen, and chief Citizens of the City of Hereford in Common Council aſſembled.

Moſt gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, with Hearts full of Joy and Gratitude, moſt thankfully acknowledge your Majeſty's great Wiſdom and Goodneſs in the Appointment of Edward Witherſton, Eſq; for High Sheriff of your County of Hereford; his eminent Affection and inviolable Attachment to your Perſon and Government very early diſtinguiſhed him, and juſtly qualified him for the Commiſſion of the Peace, in which we beg Leave to aſſure your Majeſty, that he hath acted with impartial Juſtice; that no perſonal Reſentment or private Views of Intereſt or Ambition ever influenced or determined his Deciſions; the Offence he ever ſevered from the Perſon; the Equity of the Sentence alone convicts, and Reformation anticipates Puniſhment; that he hath by no oppreſſive Methods or illegal Procedure affected the Liberty or Property of his fellow Subjects, or by inodiating Characters chilled their Allegiance or alienated their Affections from their Sovereign; that his Addreſs and regular Diſpatch of publick Affairs hath gained him an univerſal Reputation, which he ever employed in the Promotion of your Majeſty's Intereſt, and whenever he diſpenced Juſtice he recommended and advanced Loyalty.

That no declared Enemies may ever diſturb the Tranquillity of your Reign, nor falſe Friends (more dangerous by their Profeſſion) render uneaſy that Government whoſe Intereſt and Duty it is to ſupport and maintain, is the Prayer of your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects.

In Teſtimony whereof we have hereunto put our common Seal the Tenth Day of Februry, in the Seventh Year of your Majeſty's Reign.

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of the Repreſentatives in Parliament for the County and City of Hereford, and Boroughs within the ſame; and alſo of the Deputy Lieutenants, Juſtices of the Peace, and other Gentlemen within the ſaid County.

Moſt gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majeſty's moſt loyal Subjects do, with the utmoſt Gratitude, acknowledge, that your gracious Choice of Edward Witherſton, Eſq; for our High Sheriff, has been received with univerſal Satisfaction to your faithful Subjects in theſe Parts; and in Juſtice to him, and to free his Character from any Miſrepreſentations that have been laid before your Majeſty, do, with all Humility beg Leave to remonſtrate, that he hath been eminently diſtinguiſhed by a ſteady Zeal for the preſent happy Eſtabliſhment, by a particular Affection to your Majeſty's Perſon, and by an impartial Diſtribution of Juſtice, both for the Safety of the Crown and Property of the Subject; and that as he has hitherto neither diſguſted your true Friends, or traiterouſly encouraged your Enemies, or by Imprudence or Oppreſſion increaſed their Number; ſo we do, with the greateſt Confidence believe, that under the late Marks of your Royal Favour and Approbation, which ſurely he could not gain by ſurpriſing your Majeſty or Council, he will continue (though in a more conſpicuous Manner) to ſhew his good Inclination and dutiful Behaviour towards your Majeſty's Perſon and Government. That we may long enjoy both theſe Bleſſings are the Prayers of

Your Majeſty's moſt faithful
And moſt obedient Subjects.

Paris, March 1. Yeſterday Morning Intimation was given to the Parliament to proceed no further in the Cauſe depending before them concerning the Duke de la Force, the King having taken the Cognizance of it to himſelf and Privy Council: Whereupon the Parliament, at which were preſent the Dukes and Peers, and Princes of the Blood, reſolved to ſend a Deputation to the King to repreſent the ill Conſequences of that Proceeding, and to deſire his Majeſty to revoke the ſaid Order. It is not yet known what Anſwer will be made to theſe Repreſentations; however, the Duke ſtill continues in Town, contrary to what was reported of his having received a Lettre de Cachet to retire into the Country.

Hague, March 4. Notwithſtanding the Diviſions between the great and little Towns of Holland which have hitherto obſtructed the Deſign of fitting out a Squadron this Spring for the Streights, the States General finding it abſolutely neceſſary to enter into ſome Meaſures for protecting their Trade againſt the Algerines and other Barbarians, reſumed that Matter ſome Days ago, and having again ſent for their Admiralties, as alſo for their chief Sea Officers, they have appointed a Committee to confer with them on that Affair; and they have been conſulting upon it ſeveral Days, in order to its being laid again before the States of this Province which are to meet on the 15th Inſtant. The Marqueſs de Monteleone having received from the Court of Madrid his Credentials in form, for reſiding here in the Quality of his Catholick Majeſty's Ambaſſadour and Plenipotentiary to the States, delivered the ſame this Morning.

Whitehall, Feb. 25, 1720-21.

Whereas within the Space of 14 Months laſt paſt, ſeveral Out-Houſes in the Town of Birmingham, in Warwickſhire, have, at divers Times, been burnt, viz. a little Barn and Stable with Hay, a Stack of Hay, a Baker's Wood-Pile, a large Barn with a great Quantity of Straw in it, all which, 'tis believed, were induſtriouſly ſet on Fire, and there is great Reaſon to ſuſpect that the ſame was done with a felonious Intent to burn the whole Town, divers Letters having been found before the reſpective Fires, threatning to lay the Town in Aſhes: His Majeſty is pleaſed to promiſe his moſt gracious Pardon to any one or two of the Offenders, who, within